

AUGUST 2012 SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT



The Department of Veterans Affairs is making it easier for Vets to provide medical information supporting their disability claims. Veterans' medical care providers can now download any of 71 forms for specific conditions at benefits.va.gov/transformation/disability/exams/. The provider completes the form (called a disability benefits questionnaire) and sends it to a VA regional office.



The VA plans to further simplify the process for clinicians by creating a secure portal by the end of 2012 for completing and submitting disability benefits questionnaires online.

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Agent Orange claims deadline for filing has been extended through 2014. New York State legislation has been passed (S6623) and signed into law allowing Vietnam era veterans to continue filing lawsuits for Agent Orange Injuries through 2014.



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The VFW took a Survey on the Action taken by the Supreme Court on the Stolen Valor Act. The Washington Weekly issued the results of their survey. Of the people who reported in during a 1 week period was:

It was the wrong decision 85% 349 votes

I don't like it but I guess

Constitutes free speech 8% 31 votes

It was the right decision 3% 12 votes

Other comments 4% 18 votes



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More families are at ease now that 10 more MIAs from WWII, Korea and Vietnam have been identified and returned home.

Marine T/Sgt James Sisney (19) of Redwood, Ca. missing since 4/22/44

Army AC 1st Lt. Warren G. Moxley (23) of Charleston, Mo. Since 3/15/45

Army Cpl. Pryor Gobble (18) of Jonesville, Va. Missing since 12/6/50

Air Force Col. Joseph Christiano (43) of Rochester, NY, Col. Derrel B. Jeffords (40) of Florence SC, Lt. Col. Dennis L. Eilers (27) of Cedar Rapids,

Iowa, CM/Sgt William K. Colwell (44) of Glen Cove, NY, CM/Sgt Arden K. Hassenger (32) of Lebanon, Oregon, CM/Sgt Larry C. Thornton (33)

of Idaho Falls, Idaho were all lost over Laos 12/24/65.

Air Force 1st Lt. Robert E. Bennett III (25) of Springfield, NJ missing since 12/13/67

